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Applicant: KOU et al.

Title: GROWING OF HOMOGENEOUS CRYSTALS BY BOTTOM SOLID FEEDING

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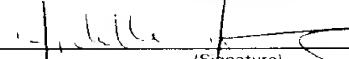
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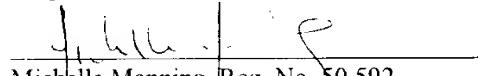
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